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FOR ANTHONY ALLITTO, ARA/AND/E

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, PINT, EC
SUBJECT: PASSPORT SEARCH: SIXTO DURAN-BALLEN

REF: QUITO 2986

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, RUMORS ARE BEGINNING TO CIRCULATE THAT PRESIDENTIAL FRONT RUNNER, SIXTO DURAN-BALLEN CORDOVEZ, HAS USED A US PASSPORT TO TRAVEL IN THE PAST. POST FILES INDICATE THAT DURAN-BALLEN WAS BORN IN BOSTON 14 JULY 1921, BUT THE STATUS OF HIS FATHER AT THAT POINT UNCLEAR. SOME REPORTS MENTION THAT HIS FATHER WAS A STUDENT AT MIT AT THE TIME OF HIS BIRTH WHILE OTHERS INDICATE THAT HE WAS AN ACCREDITED DIPLOMAT. IN THE FIRST CASE, HE WOULD BE A US/ECUADOREAN DUAL NATIONAL, IN THE SECOND CASE HE WOULD NOT.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A PASSPORT SEARCH DONE ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO DETERMINE IF DURAN-BALLEN HAS EVER BEEN ISSUED A US PASSPORT.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURAN-BALLEN IS A COMBINED LAST NAME AND THAT CORDOVEZ IS THE MATRONYM. THEREFORE, A PASSPORT COULD BE ISSUED AS DURAN-BALLEN OR SIMPLY DURAN, OR, MISTAKENLY, BALLEEN.

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